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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

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1. SIGURDUR BJARNASON, 61 THIS MONTH, HAS BEEN ICELAND'S AMBASSADOR IN LONDON SINCE JUNE 76. (HIS POSTING WAS DELAYED FOR SEVERAL MONTHS BY 1975-76 COD WAR.) HE IS ALSO ACCREDITED TO IRELAND, NETHERLANDS, AND NIGERIA. BJARNASON IS VETERAN INDEPENDENCE PARTY (CONSERVATIVE) POLITICIAN; MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT 1942-59 AND 1963-70, CHAIRMAN OF FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE 1963-70; POLITICAL EDITOR OF IP DAILY MORGUNBLADID 1947-56 AND CHIEF EDITOR 1956-70. REPORTEDLY SEEKING LESS DEMANDING CAREER AND CONVINCED HE HAD GONE AS FAR AS POSSIBLE IN POLITICS, BJARNASON WAS APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO DENMARK IN 1970 AND SERVED THERE UNTIL ASSIGNMENT TO LONDON.

2. BJARNASON IS NOT KNOWN PERSONALLY TO THIS EMBASSY, BUT HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS FRIENDLY TO US AND AS COOPERATIVE CONTACT FOR US OFFICIALS. HE IS MARRIED TO OLAF PALSDOTTIR AND HAS TWO CHILDREN. HIS SISTER IS CURRENTLY FIRST-TERM INDEPENDENCE PARTY MP.
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